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Labour Force Survey Principal results 2000

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In spring 2000 the population of the European Union living in private households was measured at 371 million people.

- 158 million had a job during the survey reference week, giving, for the population aged 15 to 64 years, an employment rate of 63% for the whole EU.
- Seven EU member states have already attained the Stockholm summit objectives (67 % for women and men together and 57 % for women): Denmark, United Kingdom, Sweden, Finland and the Netherlands (with total rates around 70 % or more and female rates around 65 %), as well as Portugal and Austria (with total rates at 68 % and female rates at 60 %).
- Iceland (87%), Norway (78%) and Switzerland (78%) have higher employment rates than the EU average
- 18% of people with jobs said that they worked part-time, 80% of these part-time workers being women;
- 13% of employees had a work-contract of limited duration (32% of employees in Spain)
- the employees working full-time, work in average 40.3 hours per week (38.9 for females);
- 14 million people had no job but were available for work and looking for work, giving an unemployment rate of 8.4% for the whole EU, reaching 11.1% in Greece and Finland and 14.0% in Spain;
- 46% of unemployed persons had been looking for work for over a year in EU (12% in Iceland and 10% in Norway);
- 20% of unemployed persons were looking for their first job (the figure for Italy being over 50%).
- 18% of young people aged 18 to 24 years old have left school with a level of education lower than the upper secondary level

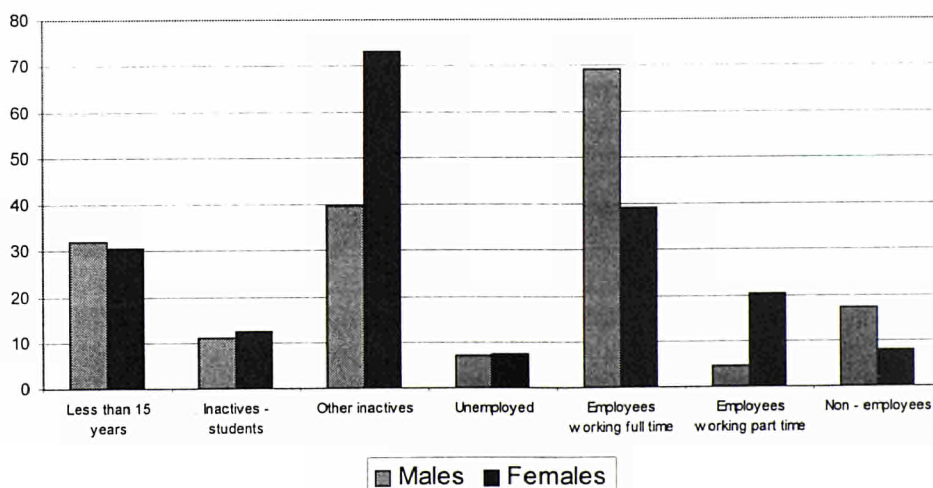
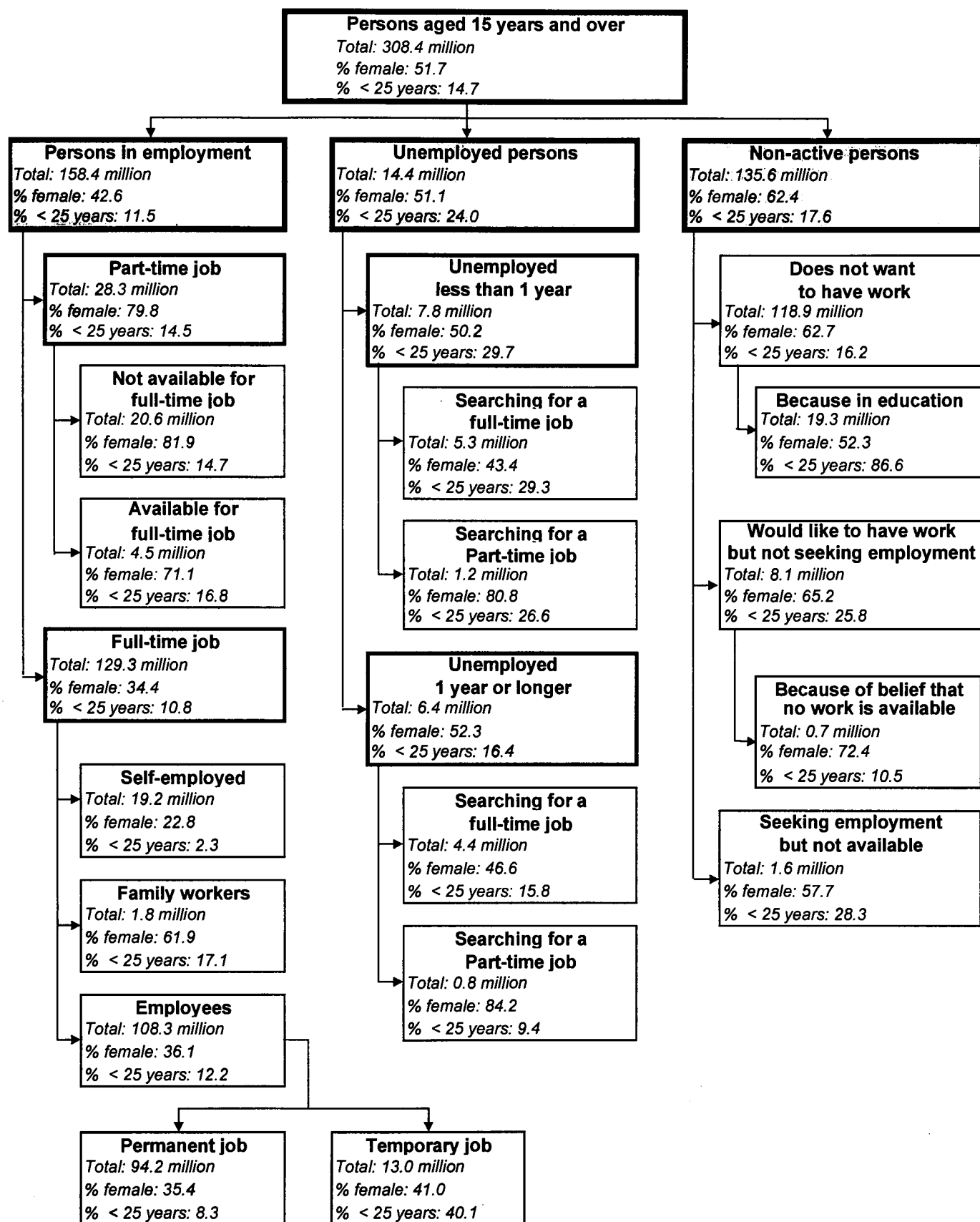


Figure 1 : Population by sex and activity status, EU-15, 2000



Work status of persons aged 15 years and more, EU-15, 2000 ⁽¹⁾



⁽¹⁾ In certain cases, because of non-response, the sum of sub-categories does not equal the total for that category

➤ EXPLANATORY NOTES

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The European Labour Force Survey was conducted in spring 2000 in the 15 Member States of the European Union in accordance with Council Regulation (EEC) No. 577/98 of 9 March 1998.

A detailed description of the sampling methods, the adjustment procedures, the definitions and the common Community coding currently used in the labour force survey is presented in the publication *Labour Force Survey – Methods and definitions, 1998*.

Basic concepts and definitions

All these definitions apply to persons aged 15 years and over, living in private households. The concepts and definitions used in the survey follow the guidelines of the International Labour Organisation. Persons carrying out obligatory military service are not included.

Persons in employment are those who during the reference week did any work for pay or profit for at least one hour, or were not working but had jobs from which they were temporarily absent. Family workers are included.

Unemployed persons are those who, during the reference week :

- (a) had no employment, and
- (b) were available to start work within the next two weeks, and
- (c) had actively sought employment at some time during the previous four weeks. In addition, unemployed persons include those who had no employment and had already found a job to start later.

Duration of unemployment is defined as:

- (a) the duration of search for a job, or
- (b) the length of the period since the last job was held (if this period is shorter than the duration of search for a job).

The **active population** is defined as the sum of persons in employment and unemployed persons.

Inactive persons are those who are not classified as persons in employment nor as unemployed persons.

Employees are defined as persons who work for a public or private employer and who receive compensation in the form of wages, salaries, fees, gratuities, payment by results or payment in kind; non-conscript members of the armed forces are also included

The **number of usual hours worked per week** corresponds to the number of hours the person normally work including extra hours, either paid or unpaid, which the person normally works, but excludes the travel time between the home and the place of work as well as the main meal breaks.

Employment rates represent employed persons as a percentage of the same age population.

Unemployment rates represent unemployed persons as a percentage of the active population.

Youth unemployment ratio represents unemployed aged less than 25 years as a percentage of the population of this age group.

Population in education includes persons who had followed any kind of education during the 4 weeks preceding the week of reference (in France and Portugal information on training is collected only if this is under way on the date of the survey). Students who were on holidays in this period are not included.

Early school leavers includes all the persons aged 18 to 24 having left education with low qualifications (ISCED 0-2).

When the data is not available for 2000 for one or more countries the aggregates **EU-15**, **EUR11** and **EEA** are estimated using the last available data for the missing countries.

Table 1 - Labour force survey 2000 - Males and females

	EU-15	EUR11	B	DK	D	EL	E	F	IRL	I	L
Population (1000)											
-Total	371 102	288 230	10 239	5 298	81 107	10 321	39 116	57 763	3 787	57 038	430
- aged 15-64	247 868	193 510	6 719	3 528	55 077	6 876	26 193	37 740	2 539	38 644	287
- aged >64	60 572	47 419	1 715	810	13 542	2 001	7 054	9 012	424	10 116	60
Highest level of education completed (25-64 years) - %											
< upper secondary level	36.5	39.8	41.7	20.2	18.7	48.8	62.9	37.7	50.7 ⁽³⁾	54.8	39.1
Upper secondary level	42.2	40.3	31.2	54.0	57.4	34.3	15.3	40.7	27.1 ⁽³⁾	35.6	42.6
Third level	21.3	19.9	27.1	25.8	23.8	16.9	21.8	21.6	22.2 ⁽³⁾	9.6	18.3
Participation to education											
- In education or training (25-64 years) - %	8.4	5.7	6.8	20.8	5.2	1.1	4.9	2.8	5.2 ⁽³⁾	5.5	4.8
- Early school leavers (18-24 years) - %	18.3	21.0	12.5	11.6	14.9	17.1	28.1	13.3	18.9 ⁽³⁾	27.6	16.8
Total employment											
-1000	158 368	119 869	4 120	2 716	36 325	3 946	14 450	23 388	1 668	20 930	181
-Employment rate (%)											
15-24 years	39.9	36.9	30.3	67.1	46.1	26.9	31.8	28.3	47.8	26.1	31.9
25-54 years	76.4	75.5	77.9	84.3	79.3	70.2	67.7	78.4	75.4	67.7	78.2
55-64 years	37.5	33.9	25.0	54.6	37.4	39.0	36.6	29.3	45.1	27.3	27.2
15-64 years	63.1	61.3	60.9	76.4	65.3	55.9	54.7	61.7	64.4	53.4	62.7
- Part-time - %	18.0	16.6	20.7 ⁽⁴⁾	21.7	19.4	4.6	8.2	16.9	16.6	8.8	11.3
-In the agriculture - %	4.3	4.6	1.9	3.7	2.6	17.0	6.9	4.2	7.9	5.2	2.4
-In the industry - %	29.0	30.2	25.8	25.3	33.5	22.5	30.8	26.3	28.7	31.8	20.8
-In the services - %	66.8	65.2	72.3	71.0	63.8	60.5	62.4	69.5	63.4	63.0	76.8
Employees											
-1000	133 229	100 362	3 459	2 468	32 375	2 305	11 487	20 724	1 350	15 034	164
-% of total employment	84.2	83.8	84.0	90.9	89.1	58.4	79.6	88.6	81.2	71.8	90.6
-Contract of limited duration - %	13.4	15.1	9.0	10.2	12.7	13.1	32.1	15.0	4.6	10.1	3.4
Usual hours worked per week											
- employees working full time	40.3	39.6	38.5	39.3	40.1	40.9	40.6	38.9	39.9	38.6	39.8
- employees working part-time	19.7	20.0	22.5	19.9	18.0	21.4	18.1	23.1	18.7	24.0	21.3
Unemployment											
- 1000	14 447	11 956	290	127	3 123	491	2 354	2 669	75	2 545	4
-Unemployment rate - %											
15-24 years	16.1	17.2	15.2	6.7	8.5	29.5	25.5	20.6	6.5	31.5	6.4
25-64 years	7.3	8.0	5.7	4.1	7.9	8.8	12.1	9.1	3.8	8.4	2.0
15+ years	8.4	9.1	6.6	4.5	7.9	11.1	14.0	10.2	4.3	10.8	2.3
- Youth unemployment ratio (15-24 years) - %	7.6	7.7	5.4	4.8	4.3	11.3	10.9	7.4	3.3	12.0	2.2
Unemployment by duration (%):											
-less than 6 months	36.4	33.5	28.2	59.1	32.4	26.1	37.8	36.8	26.5 ⁽³⁾	22.2	60.4
-6 to 11 months	17.2	17.4	15.4	19.7	16.1	17.2	19.7	18.8	16.6 ⁽³⁾	16.4	15.7
-12 months and more	46.4	49.0	56.3	21.2	51.5	56.7	42.4	44.4	56.9 ⁽³⁾	61.4	23.8
Unemployed (%):											
-seeking a first job	20.4	20.3	24.6	11.5	5.9	45.0	21.1	10.3	-	51.7	29.0
-seeking a part-time job	14.3	13.6	16.4	15.6	12.8	4.4	5.5	15.7	17.3	15.7	14.5
Total of non-actives (1000)	198 287	156 405	5 829	2 455	41 660	5 884	22 312	31 706	2 044	33 563	245

⁽¹⁾ 15-74 years

⁽²⁾ 65-74 years

⁽³⁾ 1997

⁽⁴⁾ only employees

Table 1 - Labour force survey 2000 - Males and females

NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	IS	NO	EEA	CH	
15 667	7 942	9 987	5 154	8 864	58 389	190 ⁽¹⁾	3 188 ⁽¹⁾	374 481	5 915	Population (1000)
10 711	5 372	6 780	3 448	5 694	38 260	172	2 875	250 915	4 820	-Total
2 006	1 210	1 515	766	1 530	8 811	18 ⁽²⁾	313 ⁽²⁾	60 903	1 096	- aged 15-64
										- aged >64
										Highest level of education completed (25-64 years) - %
33.8	23.8	78.4	26.9	22.8	19.3	37.6	14.5	36.2	18.2	< upper secondary level
41.2	61.9	11.7	40.7	47.5	52.5	38.6	53.9	42.4	57.6	Upper secondary level
25.0	14.2	9.8	32.4	29.7	28.1	23.8	31.6	21.4	24.2	Third level
										Participation to education
15.6	7.8 ⁽³⁾	3.3	19.6	21.6	21.0	23.5	13.3	8.5	23.8	- In education or training (25-64 years) - %
16.7	10.8 ⁽³⁾	43.1	9.8	7.7	6.8	28.6	13.3	18.3	7.9	- Early school leavers (18-24 years) - %
										Total employment
7 860	3 683	4 898	2 367	4 125	27 711	157	2 271	160 796	3 879	-1000
										-Employment rate (%)
68.4	52.5	41.9	45.4	36.9	55.9	73.9	58.7	40.1	65.0	15-24 years
81.7	81.6	81.9	81.1	82.5	80.4	91.8	85.6	76.5	85.4	25-54 years
37.9	29.2	51.7	41.2	64.3	50.5	85.4	65.6	37.8	63.3	55-64 years
72.9	67.9	68.1	68.1	71.1	71.2	87.1	77.9	63.3	78.3	15-64 years
41.2	17.0	10.7	12.2	22.8	24.9	28.2	26.1	18.1	30.5	- Part-time - %
3.3	6.1	12.5	6.2	2.9	1.5	8.7	4.3	4.3	4.8	-In the agriculture - %
21.6	30.0	34.9	28.0	24.4	25.4	22.1	21.8	28.8	25.0	-In the industry - %
75.2	63.9	52.6	65.8	72.7	73.0	69.2	73.9	66.9	70.1	-In the services - %
										Employees
6 959	3 185	3 578	2 047	3 668	24 427	129	2 100	135 458	3 180	-1000
88.8	86.5	74.1	86.5	88.9	88.3	82.3	92.5	84.3	82.0	-% of total employment
14.0	7.9	20.4	17.7	14.7	6.7	5.4	9.7	13.4	11.5	-Contract of limited duration - %
										Usual hours worked per week
39.0	40.1	40.3	39.3	40.0	43.6	48.9	38.5	40.3	40.9	- employees working full time
18.8	22.0	20.0	20.8	22.8	18.5	22.2	22.0	19.8	20.7	- employees working part-time
										Unemployment
220	181	197	297	239	1 634	3	81	14 532	106	- 1000
										-Unemployment rate - %
5.3	6.3	8.4	28.4	9.5	12.1	4.4	11.1	16.0	5.0	15-24 years
2.2	4.5	3.4	8.1	5.1	4.5	1.3	2.2	7.3	2.3	25-64 years
2.7	4.7	3.9	11.1	5.5	5.6	1.9	3.5	8.3	2.7	15+ years
3.8	3.5	3.8	18.0	3.9	7.7	3.4	7.3	7.6	3.4	- Youth unemployment ratio (15-24 years) - %
										Unemployment by duration (%):
53.5	56.1	40.0	58.9	52.6	56.3	77.3	83.4	36.7	57.7	-less than 6 months
13.8	15.4	17.2	16.5	16.7	15.4	11.2	6.8	17.1	15.7	-6 to 11 months
32.7	28.5	42.8	24.6	30.7	28.3	11.5	9.9	46.2	26.5	-12 months and more
										Unemployed (%):
-	7.3	12.4	14.9	7.9	16.5	8.7	18.4	20.4	7.7	-seeking a first job
58.1	20.7	-	16.7	11.3	22.3	38.5	23.7	14.3	41.7	-seeking a part-time job
7 587	4 078	4 892	2 490	4 500	29 043	31	835	199 153	1 930	Total of non-actives (1000)

Table 2 - Labour force survey 2000 - Females

	EU-15	EUR11	B	DK	D	EL	E	F	IRL	I	L
Population (1000)											
-Total	190 014	147 948	5 233	2 679	41 531	5 324	20 124	29 725	1 906	29 389	218
- aged 15-64	124 063	96 987	3 336	1 746	27 322	3 536	13 281	19 069	1 264	19 411	142
- aged >64	35 439	27 933	1 016	466	8 132	1 081	4 010	5 273	241	5 957	36
Highest level of education completed (25-64 years) - %											
< upper secondary level	39.1	42.4	41.1	22.0	23.3	50.8	64.2	40.6	47.1 ⁽³⁾	55.5	43.5
Upper secondary level	41.2	39.4	31.2	50.8	58.0	34.1	14.9	37.4	30.9 ⁽³⁾	35.1	40.8
Third level	19.7	18.2	27.7	27.2	18.6	15.1	20.9	22.0	22.0 ⁽³⁾	9.4	15.7
Participation to education											
- In education or training (25-64 years) - %	8.8	5.6	6.0	23.8	4.8	1.1	5.4	3.1	5.3 ⁽³⁾	5.4	3.9
- Early school leavers (18-24 years) - %	16.8	19.2	10.2	9.9	15.1	12.9	22.4	11.8	15.1 ⁽³⁾	28.6	17.6
Total employment											
-1000	67 447	50 299	1 742	1 266	15 901	1 489	5 390	10 484	680	7 708	71
-Employment rate (%)											
15-24 years	36.5	33.3	26.7	64.0	43.6	22.0	26.4	25.2	43.3	22.0	28.3
25-54 years	65.7	64.0	67.8	80.4	71.1	52.6	50.6	69.6	62.7	50.7	63.0
55-64 years	27.7	24.1	15.4	46.2	28.7	24.4	19.9	26.0	27.1	15.2	16.8
15-64 years	53.8	51.4	51.9	72.1	57.8	41.3	40.3	54.8	53.2	39.3	50.0
- Part-time - %	33.7	31.6	39.9 ⁽⁴⁾	35.2	37.9	7.9	17.2	31.0	30.5	17.4	26.0
-In the agriculture - %	3.4	3.6	1.2	2.0	2.1	19.3	5.0	2.9	2.1	4.4	1.5
-In the industry - %	15.4	16.5	11.7	13.4	18.3	12.4	14.5	14.1	15.5	20.5	6.4
-In the services - %	81.3	79.9	87.1	84.6	79.6	68.4	80.5	83.0	82.4	75.1	92.1
Employees											
-1000	59 518	44 062	1 502	1 193	14 656	916	4 466	9 618	617	6 018	66
-% of total employment	88.3	87.7	86.2	94.3	92.2	61.5	83.0	91.7	91.2	78.1	92.6
-Contract of limited duration - %	14.5	16.3	12.1	11.7	13.1	15.7	34.6	15.7	5.8	12.2	4.5
Usual hours worked per week											
- employees working full time	38.9	38.5	37.1	37.9	39.3	39.5	39.6	38.0	38.1	36.5	38.0
- employees working part-time	19.9	20.0	22.5	21.9	18.3	20.7	17.8	23.1	18.7	22.8	20.9
Unemployment											
- 1000	7 377	6 276	157	66	1 434	298	1 384	1 460	30	1 345	2
-Unemployment rate - %											
15-24 years	17.3	19.0	18.2	7.0	7.4	37.7	32.4	22.6	6.9	35.3	7.3
25-64 years	8.8	10.0	7.2	4.6	8.4	13.5	18.1	11.1	3.5	12.0	2.7
15+ years	9.9	11.1	8.3	5.0	8.3	16.7	20.4	12.2	4.2	14.9	3.1
- Youth unemployment ratio (15-24 years) - %	7.6	7.8	5.9	4.8	3.5	13.3	12.6	7.3	3.2	12.0	2.2
Unemployment by duration (%):											
-less than 6 months	34.9	32.0	26.9	58.0	30.5	22.0	33.8	35.7	33.5 ⁽³⁾	21.5	62.4
-6 to 11 months	17.7	17.8	16.4	20.9	16.4	16.8	19.7	18.6	19.8 ⁽³⁾	17.1	17.1
-12 months and more	47.4	50.2	56.7	21.1	53.1	61.2	46.6	45.6	46.8 ⁽³⁾	61.4	20.5
Unemployed (%):											
-seeking a first job	22.8	22.3	23.6	11.1	6.5	49.6	24.1	10.9	-	54.1	29.4
-seeking a part-time job	22.9	21.9	25.8	17.7	23.6	5.0	8.2	24.7	36.1	26.2	25.1
Total of non-actives (1000)	115 190	91 373	3 334	1 347	24 196	3 537	13 351	17 781	1 197	20 337	145

⁽¹⁾ 15-74 years

⁽²⁾ 65-74 years

⁽³⁾ 1997

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Table 2 - Labour force survey 2000 - Females

NL	A	P	FIN	S	UK	IS	NO	EEA	CH	
7 884	4 104	5 185	2 649	4 482	29 581	94 ⁽¹⁾	1 588 ⁽¹⁾	191 696	3 057	Population (1000)
5 285	2 696	3 465	1 716	2 801	18 992	85	1 421	125 569	2 404	-Total
1 157	744	894	473	883	5 077	9 ⁽²⁾	167 ⁽²⁾	35 615	653	- aged 15-64
										- aged >64
										Highest level of education completed (25-64 years) - %
37.4	30.6	76.7	25.3	21.2	22.6	43.3	15.2	38.8	22.9	< upper secondary level
40.6	58.0	11.8	38.9	46.7	50.9	31.7	52.1	41.3	62.6	Upper secondary level
22.0	11.4	11.5	35.7	32.1	26.5	24.9	32.7	19.9	14.4	Third level
										Participation to education
14.7	6.7 ⁽³⁾	3.4	21.6	24.1	24.4	26.7	13.8	8.9	20.2	- In education or training (25-64 years) - %
15.9	12.5 ⁽³⁾	35.6	7.2	6.2	7.1	28.5	13.5	16.8	7.5	- Early school leavers (18-24 years) - %
										Total employment
3 367	1 622	2 211	1 123	1 976	12 418	73	1 063	68 583	1 707	-1000
										-Employment rate (%)
66.7	48.6	36.1	43.8	37.1	53.5	77.4	56.5	36.7	63.4	15-24 years
70.9	73.5	73.9	77.6	80.9	73.1	87.4	81.7	66.0	75.6	25-54 years
25.8	17.8	42.3	40.7	61.7	41.4	75.7	59.3	28.1	50.1	55-64 years
63.4	59.7	60.4	65.2	69.7	64.5	83.8	73.9	54.1	69.3	15-64 years
70.6	33.0	16.4	16.9	36.3	44.5	46.6	43.2	33.8	55.6	- Part-time - %
2.4	6.4	14.3	3.9	1.4	0.8	4.3	2.3	3.3	4.0	-In the agriculture - %
9.4	14.2	22.9	14.3	11.5	12.0	10.3	9.4	15.3	12.4	-In the industry - %
88.2	79.4	62.9	81.8	87.1	87.3	85.5	88.3	81.4	83.6	-In the services - %
										Employees
3 038	1 419	1 639	1 023	1 860	11 486	65	1 011	60 594	1 447	-1000
90.6	87.5	75.5	91.1	94.1	92.6	88.7	95.2	88.5	84.8	-% of total employment
17.2	8.4	22.7	20.9	16.9	7.7	5.9	11.8	14.5	12.8	-Contract of limited duration - %
										Usual hours worked per week
38.2	39.8	39.3	38.4	39.7	40.6	43.5	37.6	38.9	40.1	- employees working full time
18.8	21.9	19.7	21.0	23.6	18.7	22.8	22.4	19.9	20.4	- employees working part-time
										Unemployment
121	78	112	153	104	633	2	36	7 415	55	- 1000
										-Unemployment rate - %
5.9	5.6	12.0	29.2	8.1	10.4	3.7	11.4	17.1	4.1	15-24 years
2.9	4.5	3.9	8.8	4.7	3.9	2.2	1.9	8.7	3.0	25-64 years
3.5	4.6	4.8	12.0	5.0	4.9	2.6	3.3	9.8	3.1	15+ years
4.2	2.9	4.9	18.1	3.3	6.2	3.0	7.2	7.6	2.7	- Youth unemployment ratio (15-24 years) - %
										Unemployment by duration (%):
52.4	52.8	40.1	62.1	55.2	63.9	73.6	91.1	35.2	59.1	-less than 6 months
14.2	19.9	20.0	15.4	17.1	16.8	8.8	3.8	17.7	13.4	-6 to 11 months
33.4	27.3	39.9	22.4	27.7	19.3	17.6	5.1	47.2	27.5	-12 months and more
										Unemployed (%):
-	9.9	13.0	15.4	8.2	18.5	2.5	18.8	22.7	7.9	-seeking a first job
78.1	40.5	-	20.4	19.2	42.5	47.5	34.7	23.0	59.4	-seeking a part-time job
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